



### REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement under 35 USC 121 on a National Phase Application of a PCT International Application.

As stated at Page 1, of the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the national phase entry, this application is a National Phase Application of PCT/IL03/00309 having International Filing Date of 14 April 2003.

The Examiner is respectfully referred to the Manual for Patent Examining Practice (MPEP) 1893.03(d) Unity of invention [R3] which states:

Examiners are reminded that unity of invention (*not restriction*) practice is applicable in international applications (both Chapter I and II) *and in national stage applications submitted under 35 U.S.C. 371*. (Emphasis added).

No objection as to Lack of Unity was made at the International stage.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the restriction requirement as it is improper, and reissue the first office action on the merits.

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